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Justice Partners Data Sharing

The California judicial branch will deploy California's Court Case Management System (CCMS) statewide. Rollout of the CCMS is a historic opportunity to improve data sharing between the courts and all of their justice partner agencies through the application of national standards-based data definitions and uniform, open technology.

The Judicial Branch Integration Strategy

The California judicial branch has adopted a statewide approach for supporting the integration of the superior courts with their justice partners as they transition to CCMS. This approach offers the ability to take advantage of economies of scale by standardizing data exchanges using open-source technologies¹ and national exchange standards,² while allowing enough flexibility to accommodate distinct jurisdictional features.

By implementing a single integration toolset that allows all justice partner agencies to connect to the courts through a central means, and by leveraging previously implemented interfaces and expanding them to additional courts, courts of California will be able to:

- Standardize exchanges based on uniform standards and best practices;
- Improve information quality;
- Drive down cost and speed up implementation;
- Reduce cost of maintenance and business change;
- Support court transitions to CCMS; and
- Leverage state partner relationships.

¹ Primarily Web services.

² National Information Exchange Model (NIEM); see www.niem.gov/

The Data Integration Program

To help courts in their transitions to CCMS, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has established the Justice Partner Data Integration Program. This program includes the following four key areas of service for the courts and justice partners:

- A Center of Excellence (COE), which consists of a common judicial branch data dictionary, data exchanges implementation tools, best practices, and other resources for courts and partners.
- The Integration Services Backbone (ISB), a suite of common tools and services for integration between court and justice partner applications that leverages open source technologies (XML, Web services, etc.).
- A secure portal that partner agencies can query for case and calendar information.
- Deployment services designed both to support the understanding of data exchanges and the branch exchange technical approach and to facilitate implementation of interfaces at trial courts.

Getting Your Agency Ready to Interface With CCMS

Whether your agency interfaces with the courts through a criminal justice information system, point-to-point interfaces, or completely on paper, these interfaces and practices will change with the deployment of CCMS. Starting now, your agency should:

- Become familiar with the new judicial branch integration strategy and deployment schedule;
- Assess all current exchanges with the superior courts;
- Develop a high-level assessment of the scope of the changes; and
- Obtain funds to make the changes.

In coordination with the CCMS deployment schedule for your local superior court, justice partner agencies should:

- Develop project teams or begin communication with commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) vendors or county IT departments as appropriate;
- With the judicial branch's deployment vendor, complete a detailed comparison of the existing exchanges to the new exchanges and core CCMS functionality to define a final list of exchanges for implementation;

- Make necessary modifications to their systems; and
- End-to-end test the new integrations in coordination with each superior court and the judicial branch's deployment vendor.

For Further Information

Specific communication about the CCMS project is available from the court executive officer of your superior court. To ask questions or get the most current information about the data exchange products or the branch integration strategy, please visit the Justice Partners Data Integration Web site at www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/justicepartners/index.htm or contact John McNamara, Manager, Data Integration Program, AOC Information Services Division, at john.mcnamara@jud.ca.gov.